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For: DUAL DAMASCENE FLOWABLE OXIDE INSULATION STRUCTURE
AND METALLIC BARRIER

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Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C. F. R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 9,
2002, please amend the above-identified application as
follows:

In the claims:

Please substitute the following claims 28, 37 and
44 for the like-numbered claim as presented or amended
on June 5, 2002. A marked up copy of this claim
showing the current changes is attached as an appendix
to this amendment.

28. (Twice Amended) The integrated circuit
semiconductor device as claimed in claim 27, further
comprising,

an oxidized FOX layer on a surface of said FOX
layer,

an oxide layer upon said oxidized FOX layer,
a conductor in said trough, said conductor and
said oxide layer forming a planar surface, said
conductor being in electrical communication with said
secondary protective layer, and

a nitride layer upon said planar surface.

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